

House Resolution 653

By: Representatives Jackson of the 161st, Bryant of the 160th, and Williams of the 165th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending and honoring the Reverend Rufus H. Burns; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, Reverend Rufus H. Burns has selflessly and faithfully
3 dedicated himself to ministering to his community and providing spiritual guidance to his
4 congregants; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Reverend Burns earned his Master of Divinity degree and, in 2004, received his
6 Doctorate of Divinity degree from Covington Theological Seminary; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Reverend Burns is the founder and undershepherd of Tremont Park Baptist
8 Church and the moderator of the Tremont Christian Union; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he has served as pastor of Little Bryant Baptist Church for 27 years, New Hope
10 Baptist Church for 23 years, and Union Branch Baptist Church for eight years; and
- 11 WHEREAS, he is the loving husband of Mrs. Lavonne Myers Burns and the proud father of
12 five sons and one daughter; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Reverend Burns is one of an elite group of clergy that has been recognized by
14 Our Brother's Keeper of Savannah and Chatham County for numerous years of dedicated
15 service and spiritual guidance to his congregation and community.
- 16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
17 the members of this body commend Reverend Rufus H. Burns and honor his 50 years of
18 steadfast service and faithful devotion to God's work in the Savannah community.
- 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Rufus H. Burns.